

REMARKS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Applicants respectfully note that the specification has been amended in order to describe the relationship of the present application to a prior filed parent application, to re-title the application to better describe the claimed invention, and to comport the specification of the present application with changes made to the parent.

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The new section is provided, as required by MPEP §201.11, in order to make specific reference to the prior, co-pending application to which the present divisional application seeks benefit.

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In original line 8, the words -- low pressure -- are ADDED AFTER the words "by a second", and the word "etch" AFTER the words "plasma for" is DELETED and REPLACED with the word -- etching -- . The changes are made to correct the syntax of the sentence. Support for the former change is found in original claims 2 – 4.

In original line 9, AFTER the sentence ENDING with the words "...essentially of oxygen." and BEFORE the sentence beginning with the word "Parameters" please ADD the sentence -- Both etching steps are carried out at pressures of about 20 – 50 mTorr, for between about 2 to about 10 seconds. --. Support for the former change is found in original claims 4 and 5 and claims 27 and 28.

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In original line 21, the words "If the" are DELETED and REPLACED with the words and punctuation -- Finally, if -- ; the number -- 40 -- is ADDED AFTER the word "article"; and the word "plating" is DELETED and REPLACED with the phrase -- , as is shown in FIG. 3, then the step of depositing metal layer 31 --. The change is a

paraphrase of the original sentence. Support is found in FIG. 3 and in original lines 17 – 20 of page 14 of the written specification.

In original line 22, the word “depositing” is DELETED as superfluous.


In original line 22 and 23, the phrase “, as shown in **FIG. 3**, and provides” is DELETED and REPLACED with the words -- in order to provide --; and a comma is ADDED AFTER the word “flat”. Support for the inherency of the disclosure of the current paragraph.

No new matter has been added as a result of the forgoing amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully request that the foregoing changes be entered by way of amendment and that the appended claims be passed to allowance.

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